

The amendment of Mr. Syester was rejected.

Mr. Carter moved to reconsider the vote providing that the constitution shall be submitted to the people on September 25th, which was agreed to.

Mr. Carter moved that it should be submitted on Wednesday, September 18th, which was agreed to.

Mr. Carter moved an amendment that the constitution should go into effect on Saturday, October 5th, which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Carter, the report was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The Convention then, at 2 P. M., adjourned.

## SEVENTIETH DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, MONDAY, AUGUST 12.

*Convention met at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Henderson.*

The report of the committee on militia and military affairs was taken up on its third reading.

The committee on revision and compilation reported an amendment to the third section, to make it read as follows, the words quoted being added:

"The existing militia law of the State shall expire at the end of the next session of the General Assembly, except so far as it may be re-enacted, subject to the provisions of this article."

Mr. Lee said the amendment proposed is, perhaps, not necessary. The rules of legal construction would imply it. But it prevents a doubt that might be raised. I add a word of explanation of the article. Since it passed the second reading, objections to it have been sent to the military committee from officers of volunteers at Baltimore. They propose to continue, or not to disturb the inspector general, not to require any revision of the existing law by the Legislature, but to require the Legislature to provide for the expenses already incurred or contracted for in equipping the volunteers. The committee have duly considered it. They think that the attention of the Legislature ought to be brought to some features of the ex-